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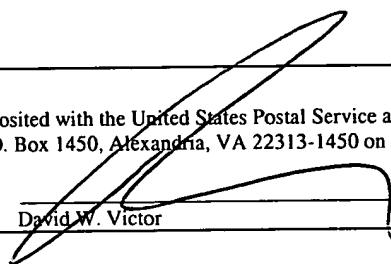


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M.T. Brady et al. Examiner: Melanie M. Vida  
Serial No.: 09/666,947 Group Art Unit: 2626  
Filed: September 20, 2000 Docket No.: BLD920000057US1  
TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR HALFTONING DATA FOR  
RENDERING IN A MULTITONE OUTPUT DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated May 19, 2004 ("Office Action") in which the Examiner found that claims 11-14, 16, 27, 30, 32, 43-46, and 48 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 1-10, 15, 17-26, 31, 33-42, and 47 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-48 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.**